



News Release

CITY OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 22, 2008 – The City of Riverside, Calif., Public Utilities (RPU) today earned the 2008 Award of Continued Excellence from the American Public Power Association's (APPA) Demonstration of Energy-Efficient Developments (DEED) program.

The award recognizes the utility's long-term commitment to energy innovation and its support of research and development projects aimed at improving efficiency and renewable resources for public power systems. The award was presented during APPA's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Indianapolis, Ind.

"For more than 20 years, RPU has been an active member of DEED and a recognized contributor to energy innovation and research efforts," said APPA President & CEO Mark Crisson. "The utility's dedication to environmental, technological and educational programs is really top-notch."

APPA is the Washington, D.C.-based service organization representing the nation's more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities. The DEED program was created in 1980 and is the only research and development effort funded nationally by and for public power systems. It has funded more than \$6 million in energy projects since it was created.

"Since 2002, RPU has given more than \$1.2 million in research grants to electric-related projects," stated RPU Public Utilities General Manager David H. Wright. "We will continue to aggressively dedicate resources to improving and expanding energy efficiency initiatives for the good of our community and the nation."

Over the years, RPU has received several DEED grants and scholarships for projects aiming to:

- Provide clean automated electric power, heating and cooling from urban waste;
- Control nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides and particulate matter in biological filters;
- Combine flexible solar cells and battery complexes as self-charging battery units using sunlight; and
- Convert restaurant-generated grease wastewater into methane gas for electric power.

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